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MEMORANDUM FOR: Recipients of Map No. 25888

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Map "USSR Railroads 1958"  
Secret

1. The task of following the numerous and continuing changes in the Soviet railroad network has been a constant problem in the intelligence community. There is a great need for an up-to-date map with detailed information on trackage, traction, gauge, and stage of construction. The attached map, "USSR Railroads, 1958," is an attempt to meet this need. It summarizes the data obtained from all available intelligence sources, both classified and unclassified. It is also designed to serve as a research aid for plotting incoming data and for stimulating the collection of additional information to fill intelligence gaps. A scale of 1:5,000,000 was used to permit maximum detail with the minimum number of map sheets.

2. Distribution of the map is being made to appropriate components of intelligence services. Critical evaluations of the map as to accuracy, and overall usefulness are invited. Comments for consideration in future revisions of the map should be forwarded to the Assistant Director, Office of Research and Reports, Central Intelligence Agency, attention: Chief for Geographic Research. Since the cut-off date for data on the present map is July 1958, an early revision is planned to include subsequent information as well as recommended corrections and additions.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND REPORTS:

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Acting Chief, Control Staff

Attachment:

As per para. 1.